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“Jesus on the Launchpad”

Luke 3:15-22

John the Baptist Clarifies

That He is not the Messiah: v.15-16

That the Messiah will fulfill what John is only signifying: v.16

That the fire of the Messiah's winnowing as good news: v.17-18

That no one is beyond the scope of accountability: v.19-20

Jesus' Strange Baptism: v.21-22

Why does a sinless Jesus submit to a baptism for the repentance of sin?

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A recurring motif of Jesus' ministry

Isn't the identification lessened by the miraculous singling out at His baptism?

The covert character of Jesus' baptism (compared to the Transfiguration, for example)

Matthew and Mark: the opening of heavens from Jesus' perspective: Matt 3:16; Mark 1:10

John clearly sees the Holy Spirit (like a dove) fall and remain on Jesus: John 1:32-33

Why is Jesus baptized by John as opposed to baptizing him?

He validates John who is validating Him: imitating the Trinitarian circle

See Andre Rublev's 15th century icon called *The Trinity*

Why does the baptism mark the beginning of Jesus' public ministry?

The Levites began tabernacle service at the age of 30 with a ritual cleansing: Numbers 4:3

Jesus continues to fulfill the Old Testament story in Himself: Matt 5:17

Notice the timing of God's statement of pleasure over the Son: v.22

This comes before Jesus' public ministry

Jesus worked from His identity of belovedness, not in order to earn it

Reflecting On Our Baptisms

In which we are honored to identify with Jesus Who first identified with us

In which are freed to associate with those whose reputations may tarnish us

In which we submit to one another as a sign of the Trinity Whom we serve

In which we affirm that we have been commissioned to a life mission

In which we affirm our belovedness in God's eyes prior to any performance